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Consistent with the goals of the U.S. Strategy for Central America, and in broad alignment with the Northern Triangle Countries' Alliance for Prosperity Plan, USAID programs in Guatemala seek to address the drivers of irregular migration to the United States, including high levels of violence and insecurity, pervasive poverty, and chronic malnutrition.

Examples of Program Impact

Anti-Extortion Efforts Yield Results

The Northern Triangle represents the epicenter of criminal extortion in Central America. In Guatemala, extortion-related annual losses have been valued at between \$60 and \$400 million annually. Yet few cases of extortion have resulted in convictions. To address this challenge, USAID has supported the implementation of new investigation and case management models in the Government of Guatemala's Specialized Prosecutors' Offices for Extortion and Anti-Corruption. **Thanks in part to these efforts, the number of final verdicts in extortion cases increased from 26 in 2015 to 180 as of October 2017. Within this same time period, the number of people found guilty of extortion jumped from 41 to 293, and the number of search warrants issued related to extortion cases significantly expanded from 122 to 1,038.** Thanks to USAID support, the Public Ministry collaborated with the National Police on a large-scale anti-extortion operation in six departments in June 2017 that yielded 69 arrests and confiscated an estimated \$136,000, 400 munitions, 21 firearms, 19 cell phones, four motorcycles, six cars, and five bags of cocaine. **The operation helped dismantle components of the Crazy Gangster and Vatos Locos criminal structures of the Barrio 18 gang.** 160 arrest warrants were issued and charges were levied against those arrested, including attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, extortion, illicit association, and acts of intimidation.

USAID support for the Specialized Prosecutors' Offices for Extortion and Anti-Corruption was also instrumental in the success of the country's largest operation to date. In September 2017, 358 raids took place leading to the arrest of 170 adults and 32 minors. Furthermore, 113 subpoenas for those already jailed but implicated in crimes were issued – all in the course of one day. The operation also confiscated five firearms, 1,150 ammunitions of varying calibers, and 52 cell phones.

Increased Incomes in High Migration Areas

Based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection data on apprehensions, USAID has geographically targeted its programming in the Northern Triangle to focus on those communities whose residents are most likely to migrate to the United States, including the Western Highlands of Guatemala. **From 2015 to 2016, USAID's agricultural programming helped to increase rural farmers' sales in the Western Highlands by 51 percent, for a total of \$48.4 million. In FY 2016, USAID efforts helped to create more than 20,000 jobs in the agriculture sector.**

Reduced Impunity

In 2006, USAID established a court model in which judges are available 24 hours a day. This model helps courts to comply with Guatemala's constitutional mandate to present a detainee to a judge within six hours of arrest, and also allows prosecutors to request court orders for wiretapping and search warrants around the clock. USAID continues to support expansion of the 24-hour court model to new locations. As a result of the integrated 24-hour court system and improved case management, the percentage of cases dismissed without merit dropped from 70 percent to 15 percent from 2006 to 2016. USAID has also supported the Guatemalan Government in establishing and expanding the High Impact Court model to provide greater security for Guatemala's justice sector personnel and enable the conclusion of the most risky criminal cases involving gangs, narcotrafficking, transitional justice, and high-level official corruption. In December 2016, the Supreme Court inaugurated the fifth High Impact Court.

USAID/Guatemala is implementing the following activities to achieve these objectives:

Alliance for Prosperity alignment key:

Citizen Security ● Human Capital ● Productive Sector ● Strengthening Institutions ●

Citizen Security

Security and Justice Sector Reform Project (SJSRP) ● ●

Implemented by: Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Duration: August 17, 2012 - August 16, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$35,478,522

This activity advances security and justice sector reforms, enforcement of key legislation, and promotion of civic responsibility. USAID is helping to: 1) strengthen the Specialized Prosecutor's Offices against Extortions; 2) support the investigation and prosecution of corruption cases; 3) support the Government of Guatemala (GOG) in reforming and implementing key legislation; 4) implement pluri-personal model criminal courts where minor felonies with sentences of up to five years are tried, thereby relieving pressure upon the First Instance Criminal Courts and allowing them to pursue higher-profile cases; 5) strengthen and replicate the 24-hour court model; 6) develop a career path and corresponding legislation for the Guatemalan police; and 7) strengthen financial management and procurement systems to meet International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Citizen Security; Strengthening Institutions

Civil Society for Accountable Governance and Citizen Security Project ● ●

Implemented by: Counterpart International

Duration: September 30, 2015 - September 29, 2020

Total Projected Investment: \$25 million

The overall objective of this activity is to strengthen and develop the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Guatemala so that they can play a more effective role in addressing citizen security, government accountability, and corruption issues. The project has four main components: providing training and technical support to CSOs on key technical areas and laws

related to government transparency and accountability; assisting the GOG in the implementation of the National Transparency Policy; providing grants to CSOs to conduct watchdog activities in sectors prone to corruption or inefficiencies (e.g., security, health, education, and others); and offering small grants for civil society efforts to advance and promote passage and/or effective implementation of regulations improving the legal framework against corruption.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Citizen Security; Strengthening Institutions

Community Strengthening Project (CONVIVIMOS) ● ●

Implemented by: Mercy Corps

Duration: June 12, 2015 - June 11, 2020

Total Projected Investment: \$40 million

The overall objective of this activity is to support efforts by the Government of Guatemala, civil society, and community actors to address the causes and consequences of violence through holistic prevention approaches. The project works in six municipalities with the highest rates of violent crime: Guatemala City, Villa Nueva, Mixco, Amatitlán, Villa Canales, and San Miguel Petapa in the Department of Guatemala. The project has four objectives: supporting community commissions to institutionalize proven, integrated violence prevention approaches in targeted areas; strengthening and mobilizing municipal and national stakeholders and resources to develop and implement municipal-level prevention plans; supporting secondary prevention interventions in close coordination with municipal authorities; and promoting and integrating evidence-based policy making among prevention actors.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Citizen Security; Strengthening Institutions

Youth and Gender Justice Project ● ●

Implemented by: Chemonics

Duration: May 20, 2016 – February 7, 2021

Total Projected Funding: \$37.39 million

The objectives of this activity are to provide support for improved provision of services for victims of violence, including youth, women, and other vulnerable populations, and to improve the Government of Guatemala's juvenile justice system to reduce recidivism in juvenile offenders. These actions, when combined, will increase the number of prosecutions to support a decrease in violence and impunity. In particular, the project helps the GOG provide juvenile justice services, assist victims of gender-based violence, and strengthen its response to Trafficking in Persons (TIP). Illustrative activities include: assessing and piloting alternative justice models; conducting a "state of juvenile justice" assessment, which will focus on the Protection and Shelter Centers of the Social Welfare Secretariat; supporting the Ministerio Público prosecutor offices on cases concerning adolescents in conflict with the law, including the adoption and integration of an electronic case management model within the judicial branch's court management system; and assessing the conditions of and the design of an overall national capacity strengthening plan in the areas of sexual violence, exploitation, and TIP.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Citizen Security; Strengthening Institutions

Community Roots Project ● ●

Implemented by: World Vision

Duration: December 15, 2016 – December 14, 2021

Total Projected Funding: \$40 million

The objective of this activity is to create educational, athletic, cultural, and employment opportunities for youth in targeted communities in the Department of Guatemala. It focuses on communities not served by USAID's CONVIVIMOS Project, and supports efforts by the Vice Ministry of Violence Prevention, the National Police, municipalities, community development commissions, and the private sector. The project's goals are to support 80 community-based violence prevention projects; strengthen and mobilize municipal and national stakeholders and resources to develop and implement municipal-level violence and migration prevention plans; promote the involvement of the private sector (local, national, and/or international) in violence migration and prevention activities; and support secondary violence prevention projects in close coordination with municipal and local authorities.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital; Citizen Security

Urban Municipal Governance Project ● ●

Implemented by: Tetra Tech

Duration: January 23, 2017 – September 24, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$46.36 million

The objective of this activity is to reduce the levels of violence in municipalities most at risk of violent crime. Implementation will take place in 30 communities across 21 urban municipalities near Guatemala City and near the eastern and western borders of the country. Initially, the project will focus on the municipalities of Mixco, Villa Nueva, Villa Canales, San Miguel Petapa, Amatitlán, San Juan Sacatepéquez, and Palencia in the Department of Guatemala; Escuintla and Palín in the Department of Escuintla; and Chimaltenango in the Department of Chimaltenango. The project has three key goals: helping ensure that municipalities have strong public budgeting and service delivery processes in place; improving living conditions and municipal services in high-crime, informal settlements; and supporting efforts so that citizens in the most at-risk communities are actively involved in municipal decision-making and accountability processes. The project will provide municipal governments with improved technologies and assistance to achieve transparent and participatory planning, financial management, and effective service delivery implementation. In addition, the project will help community-based organizations working in partnership with municipalities improve needed services.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Citizen Security; Strengthening Institutions

Governance

Nexos Locales (Local Governance Project) ●

Implemented by: DAI

Duration: June 23, 2014 - June 19, 2019

Total Projected Funding: \$16.29 million

The objective of this activity is to strengthen municipalities to enable them to deliver more responsive, inclusive, and effective socioeconomic development, while reducing local vulnerabilities such as food insecurity and natural disasters. The activity increases the capacity of local governments to raise revenue; respond to citizen concerns related to violence and security, food insecurity, and global climate change; and manage public resources in a participatory and financially sound manner. The activity also strengthens local governments' ability to deliver basic services and develop and implement security plans, strengthens the National Association of Municipalities and the Guatemalan Association of Indigenous Mayors and Authorities, and bolsters civil society participation in decision-making via the Development Council System.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Communities Leading Development (CLD) ●

Implemented by: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Duration: September 21, 2016 – September 20, 2021

Total Projected Investment: \$50 million

The objective of this activity is to empower citizens to identify and address their development needs by defining and implementing community development plans. The goal is to support at least 200 communities in Guatemala's Western Highlands using a community-based development approach to identify development priorities, ranging from increasing access to schools and community centers to expanding drinking water supplies and sanitation services. The activity also engages with the private sector and other donors to ensure sustainable results. It will establish a community development fund to finance social infrastructure, among other projects.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Emerging Political Leaders ●

Implemented by: International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)

Duration: August 8, 2017 - August 6, 2022

Total Projected Investment: \$35 million

The objective of this activity is to build a diverse cadre of future political leaders in Guatemala who are able to address some of the country's most pressing challenges. The activity provides opportunities for youth to engage in civic and political processes by increasing youth-led advocacy, civic and political participation, and by building civil leadership skills. This includes training rising leaders in such areas as communication and coalition building, providing opportunities for youth to exercise their newly learned skills. The project will draw on a diverse group of young leaders, including young women and the disabled from across the country. To support youth civic activities across Guatemala, the project will work with governmental, religious, and traditional authorities to incorporate youth leadership and participation into their programs to better engage youth.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Electoral Governance and Reforms Project ●

Implemented by: Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS)

Duration: June 12, 2017 - June 7, 2020

Total Projected Investment: \$9 million

The objective of this activity is to support the development and implementation of key reforms and to increase the transparency and accountability of electoral processes in Guatemala. The activity will provide technical assistance, capacity building, and opportunities for dialogue to Guatemala's Electoral Tribunal, Congress, civil society, and political parties. The project's initial focus is to support new reforms to Guatemala's Law on Elections and Political Parties, encourage judicial sector reforms, and strengthen the capacity of the Electoral Tribunal to monitor political party compliance, administer out-of-country voting, and oversee two potential public referenda.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Strengthen Support to LGBTI Community in Guatemala ●

Implemented by: United Nations Development Program

Duration: March 1, 2016 – March 31, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$500,000

The objective of this activity is to provide technical assistance to the Human Rights Ombudsman Office to more fully promote and protect the fundamental rights of LGBTI persons to reduce stigma and discrimination. The project is also strengthening the Guatemalan government's response to violations of the human rights of LGBTI people through prevention and an education strategy aimed at ending discrimination and abuse due to sexual orientation or gender identity. The project also includes a component to expand opportunities for political participation for LGBTI people.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Prosperity

Fiscal and Procurement Reform Project ●

Implemented by: Development Alternatives, Inc.

Duration: January 23, 2017 – January 22, 2020

Total Projected Investment: \$9.65 million

The objective of this activity is to increase the collection and management of public resources (i.e., tax revenue) by providing policy advice and capacity building on public financial management issues to improve transparency and reduce opportunities for corruption. Expert assistance to Guatemala's Tax and Customs Authority will support efforts to review and revise tax policy, administration, audit, organizational management, and tax compliance in coordination with other bilateral and multilateral donors. The project will also assist in procurement reforms through support to the Ministry of Finance. Likely areas of focus include supporting system improvements and enhancing internal controls in the government's online procurement system,

and expanding the role of small and medium-sized businesses in providing services to the government.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Research Grant to the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) ●

Implemented by: International Food Policy Research Institute

Duration: September 30, 2011 – September 3, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$3.53 million

The objective of this activity is to support the Government of Guatemala's efforts to track and measure the impact of its and donors' efforts to increase food security and reduce chronic malnutrition in priority geographic areas of the country. USAID supports the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit of the Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SESAN, Spanish acronym), including assistance for the design and testing of a questionnaire for impact evaluation surveys of the GOG's national Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Strategy, equipment to conduct the surveys, and data management and analytical assistance to measure program impact. USAID's assistance ensures a scientifically valid basis for determining the impact of the GOG, U.S. Government, and other donor investments in the FSN Strategy designed to reduce and prevent poverty and malnutrition in Guatemala. Over the past six years, the project has led to the design and implementation of two different strategies to reduce chronic malnutrition (Zero Hunger Pact, 2012-2015, and the Strategy to Reduce Chronic Malnutrition, 2016-2019); the design and implementation of a system to monitor interventions under the Strategy to Reduce Chronic Malnutrition; the design and testing of impact evaluation tools for the government's strategies to reduce chronic malnutrition; and the strengthening of data management and analysis capacity of the Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital

Cooperative and Food Security Development in Guatemala ● ●

Implemented by: National Cooperative Business Association / Cooperative League of the United States (NCBA/CLUSA)

Duration: May 1, 2014 – September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$3.55 million

The objective of this activity is to improve food security and nutrition and to increase income generation for rural households in Guatemala's Western Highlands. The project encourages greater consumption of animal protein, strengthens the governance and transparency of cooperatives, improves small business owners' negotiation skills to increase household income generation, and addresses household nutritional deficiencies. The project works mainly with women-owned, small-scale, rural enterprises and service providers in the priority municipalities of the U.S. Government's Feed the Future Zone of Influence. USAID also promotes rural micro-enterprise development through the establishment of community banks that provide seed capital for new businesses.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Human Capital

Buena Milpa ● ●

Implemented by: International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)

Duration: January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$6.99 million

The objective of this program is to reduce poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition while increasing the sustainability and resilience of maize-based farming systems, decreasing environmental degradation, and improving the livelihoods of small-scale, resource-poor farmers. The project partners with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology. Buena Milpa focuses on improving maize crop management and reducing the purchases of mycotoxin-contaminated corn. USAID provides training on soil conservation practices, seed selection, and seed and grain storage. The project conducts research on how to incorporate high-nutrition and high-value horticulture crops into local farming systems. The project is also working to support improved farming systems and promote equality for female and indigenous farmers.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Human Capital

MásFrijol ● ●

Implemented by: Michigan State University

Duration: March 26, 2014 – March 25, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$3.55 million

The objective of MásFrijol is to improve the nutrition of families in Guatemala's Western Highlands by increasing bean productivity through the dissemination of improved high-yielding black bean varieties, improving post-harvest storage, and increasing household consumption of beans through nutritional education. The project operates in 30 municipalities within the five departments supported under the U.S. Government's Feed the Future Zone of Influence. The project works with public sector institutions and national institutional partners, including the Institute for Agricultural Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, Center for Development Communication, and other USAID implementing partners.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Human Capital

Greater Access to Services and Financial Markets for Forestry Companies ●

Implemented by: Banco de Desarrollo Rural

Duration: September 26, 2011 – September 26, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$371,133

USAID is working with private sector banks to increase credit availability for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in order to generate increased economic growth and prosperity in Guatemala. The objective of this activity is to enable more loans for Guatemalan companies, with an emphasis on community forest concessions, as well as micro, small and medium forest enterprises operating in Petén, Alta Verapaz, Baja Verapaz, and the Western Highlands.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector

Promoting Food Security and Trade Integration through Sanitary and Phytosanitary and Other Agriculture-Related Capacity Building

Implemented by: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Duration: May 4, 2011 – July 30, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$2.45 million

The objective of this activity is to enhance food security and promote regional agricultural trade by building public and private sector sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) capacity, improving access to markets, enhancing food security statistical systems, and strengthening laboratories' capabilities to diagnose chemical and biological pathogens and residues. The project assists the Guatemalan Ministry of Agriculture in implementing a public-private SPS inspection system, which will increase the country's compliance with international SPS standards. USDA helps small-scale farmers to comply with the U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act and trains students at agricultural high schools in Feed the Future departments in integrated pest management techniques, including pesticide reduction, pest identification, and crop management and rotation.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Strengthening Institutions

Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation

Implemented by: Fintrac, Inc.

Duration: January 6, 2015 – September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$6.31 million

This activity expands smallholder farmers' access to commercially viable new or innovative agricultural inputs and technologies, resulting in sustainable, long-term employment opportunities for youth in the agricultural sector. The project centers on the development of public-private partnerships that can help identify and scale up agricultural technologies, support investment in emerging horticulture markets, and strengthen business models. The program is currently implementing four activities, including Agrijovent, which supports more than 1,000 youth in the Western Highlands through access to credit and training in agricultural technologies; *Manejo Integrado de Plagas para el Futuro*, or MIPFuturo, which supports more than 3,000 smallholder farmers in increasing their capacity to implement integrated pest management practices and stimulate sales of biological pest control products; PAPAIS, which improves access to quality potato seed for more than 1,400 producers, mostly youth; and Farmforce, which supports more than 15,000 smallholders through the provision of the Farmforce software that brings efficiencies and traceability for exporters of agricultural commodities to high-value markets.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Human Capital

Más Riego

Implemented by: UC Davis Horticulture Innovation Lab

Duration: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$3.4 million

The overall objective of this activity is to increase household nutrition and incomes while

expanding the number of smallholder commercial businesses serving smallholder families. Más Riego's goal is to improve horticulture extension and access to credit in Guatemala for smallholder farmers, producing crops for export and local markets as well as home consumption. The project promotes drip irrigation and conservation agricultural practices, linking horticultural production and climate change resilience through water source protection and development as well as soil conservation and enhancement. The project trains rural households and youth production groups on the use of low-pressure drip irrigation, conservation agriculture practices, and rainwater harvesting systems.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Human Capital

Opportunities for My Community Project ● ●

Implemented by: Inter-American Dialogue

Duration: April 29, 2016 – April 28, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$3.24 million

This activity combines an emphasis on remittances, education, and savings to promote economic and human development in Guatemala. Focusing on 11 municipalities and Guatemala City, the project consists of four components: 1) financial education for remittance recipients in order to improve their knowledge of savings and budgeting, and to promote formal savings; 2) access to credit for entrepreneurs, particularly those in the knowledge economy; 3) diaspora outreach to mobilize their resources to fund education initiatives in Guatemala; and 4) extracurricular programs for youth in areas of high immigration. The ultimate objective is to have a critical mass of people formally saving, investing in education, and contributing to Guatemala's human capital and economic development as it transitions to a more knowledge-based economy.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Human Capital

Food Security Focused on the First Thousand Days (SEGAMIL) ●

Implemented by: Catholic Relief Services

Duration: August 1, 2012 – September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$45 million

SEGAMIL is a USAID Food for Peace program that focuses on reducing chronic malnutrition rates in eight municipalities in the departments of Totonicapán and San Marcos. The program addresses food utilization, access, and availability in vulnerable communities. Activities integrate health and nutrition, agriculture, sustainable environmental practices, animal husbandry, microenterprise, and local governance. SEGAMIL supports poor and vulnerable Guatemalan families, using a diversified approach to support targeted households, including conditional cash transfers; community and municipal strengthening activities that target agriculture and health priorities; social and behavioral change; income generation activities focused on small value chains, enhancing basic financial and business skills; and incorporating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital

Western Highlands Program of Integrated Actions for Food Security and Nutrition (PAISANO) ●

Implemented by: Save the Children

Duration: August 1, 2012 – September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$45 million

PAISANO is a USAID Food for Peace program that focuses on reducing chronic malnutrition rates in 13 municipalities in the departments of Quiché, Huehuetenango, and Quetzaltenango. The program addresses food utilization, access, and availability in vulnerable communities. Activities integrate health and nutrition, agriculture and sustainable environmental practices, animal husbandry, microenterprise, and improving local governance. PAISANO supports poor and vulnerable Guatemalan families using a diversified approach to support targeted households, including conditional cash transfers, community and municipal strengthening activities that target agriculture and health priorities, social and behavioral change, income generation activities focusing on small value chains, enhancing basic financial and business skills, and incorporating WASH practices.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital

Sustainable Economic Observatory (SEOP) ● ●

Implemented by: Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

Duration: September 27, 2016 – September 26, 2021

Total Projected Investment: \$8.99 million

The goal of this activity is to foster participatory, evidence-based dialogue on salient, rural development needs in Guatemala and develop solutions that will benefit all sectors equitably, especially vulnerable populations. The project will establish a Sustainable Economic Observatory, an independent research center/think tank, to strengthen the participation and contribution of civil society, the public and private sectors, and other stakeholders in dialogue, analysis, design, and implementation of effective policies and programs at the national and local levels. The project focuses on rural development and food security; agricultural sector growth; environment, including climate change resilience and biodiversity conservation; and competitiveness and the business enabling environment.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Strengthening Institutions

Climate, Nature, and Communities in Guatemala Project ● ●

Implemented by: Rainforest Alliance

Duration: February 8, 2013 – February 7, 2018

Total Project Investment: \$25 million

The objective of this activity is to help Guatemala safeguard its natural resource base through livelihood development, biological monitoring, environmental governance, climate resilience, and cross-sectoral climate policy initiatives. The project is implemented in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, the Sierra Madres Biosphere Reserve, Alta and Baja Verapaz, and the Western Highland Departments of San Marcos, Quetzaltenango, Totonicapán, Quiché, and Huehuetenango. The project is working with the Guatemalan National Council of Protected Areas, the Ministry of Environment, and the National Forestry Institute to improve the

management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation, build institutional and technical capacity, and strengthen policy and legal frameworks. USAID is supporting the development and strengthening of market-driven, community-level conservation, such as timber and non-timber value chains; advancement of national and sub-national Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Plus (REDD+) strategies; reduction of vulnerability to climate change; and strengthening of non-governmental organizations. Over the past four years, the project has increased access to credit and triggered more than \$87 million in sales of timber and non-timber forest products; maintained Forest Stewardship Council certification for nearly half a million hectares of biodiversity-rich forest; and helped to maintain healthy habitats for endangered species, including jaguars and scarlet macaws.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Strengthening Institutions

Low Emission Development Strategy Program (LEDS) ●

Implemented by: International Resources Group

Duration: June 27, 2014 – June 27, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$10.13 million

The overall objective of this activity is to work with the GOG, including the Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Livestock, and Energy and Mines; the National Forestry Institute; the National Council of Protected Areas; and the National Secretariat for Planning, to develop and implement a LEDS Project and build institutional capacity within the government to reduce the effects of climate change and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. The activity is also helping to establish reliable analytics to improve national greenhouse gas emissions inventories, developing participatory processes to engage multiple stakeholders in low emission planning, promoting low emission actions in priority sectors, and supporting a communication strategy to promote better approaches for addressing climate issues and low emission development. This support will allow Guatemala to develop more reliable greenhouse gas inventories, generate sectoral baselines and forecasts, and effectively measure and report on mitigation activities.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Strengthening Governance in the Maya Biosphere Reserve ●

Implemented by: U.S. Department of Interior (DOI)

Duration: 2010 - 2017

Total Projected Investment: \$7 million

The U.S Department of the Interior's International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) is providing technical assistance to the GOG to strengthen governance of the Maya Biosphere Reserve (MBR), the largest protected area in Central America. Created in 1990, the MBR is impacted by growing criminal activities that severely threaten the reserve's natural and cultural resources, as well as its economic potential. Crimes, such as drug trafficking, illegal logging, human-caused wildfires, illegal roads and human settlements, wildlife trafficking, and archaeological looting continue to challenge Guatemala's governance and law enforcement capabilities. DOI and its in-country implementing partners are strengthening judicial processes to ensure enforcement of laws and prosecution of offenders, strengthening field patrols, enhancing

public and civil society participation in governance of the reserve, investing in tourism development, and protecting the region's archaeological heritage.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Fomenting Agriculture and Resilience Project

Implemented by: Agropecuaria Popoyán, S. A.

Duration: August 7, 2017 – August 6, 2022

Total Projected Investment: \$36.21 million

The objective of this activity is to increase agricultural incomes, improve resilience, and improve nutritional outcomes for small farmers and their families in five departments of the Western Highlands. The project will provide technical assistance and training on best agricultural practices and post-harvest management practices, introduce new technologies to improve agricultural productivity, support the diversification of income-generating value chains, leverage private sector investment, increase access to markets, encourage the production of value-added products, strengthen the management and marketing capacity of agribusiness organizations, and promote the adoption of climate-smart practices. This project also will encourage families to increase the availability of animal protein and high-nutrient crops in their diets to improve household nutrition levels. To strengthen the agriculture and food security enabling environment and foster sustainable rural development, this project is working with central- and municipal-level governments to implement rural development, agriculture, and food security policies.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Productive Sector; Strengthening Institutions

Lifelong Learning Project

Implemented by: Juarez & Associates, Inc.

Duration: March 27, 2014 – March 25, 2019

Total Projected Investment: \$24.92 million

The objective of this activity is to improve the quality of and access to education for underserved populations in the Western Highlands. The project strengthens local capacities and enables the implementation of bilingual education (Mayan languages and Spanish) in primary schools; supports the Ministry of Education (MOE) to develop, analyze, validate, and review textbooks and educational materials; implements human resource development programs for MOE technical staff, supervisors, school principals, and teachers; supports the MOE to develop the professionalization of teachers' trainers in higher education programs; helps develop a cadre of teachers that specialize in alternative education programs; and provides basic education, workforce readiness training, and civic engagement training to out-of-school youth.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital; Strengthening Institutions

Health

Health and Education Policy Project Plus (HEPP)

Implemented by: Palladium Group

Duration: September 1, 2010 - September 30, 2018

Total Projected Funding: \$13.13 million

This activity focuses on supporting targeted health sector reform and central-level planning and policies in the education, nutrition, and health sectors. The project also supports the development of civil society capacity to undertake advocacy and accountability efforts and promote a policy dialogue among national, departmental, and local stakeholders. The objectives of the HEPP project are to support the restructuring of the Ministry of Education (MOE) at the central level, strengthen education and health civil society oversight organizations; and support the Ministry of Health's efforts to develop a system that integrates all health-related information (e.g., patient's biodata, services, tests, results and diagnosis, supplies, prescribed medicines, etc.). The project also works with the MOE to elevate the importance of youth policies by strengthening a national dialogue around youth issues, particularly out-of-school youth and youth livelihoods. Major accomplishments to date: the Guatemalan President has approved the National Decentralization Plan that HEPP helped develop and signed agreements to implement a decentralization pilot in three municipalities; the project has developed a municipal guide to inform local resource allocation for chronic malnutrition programs in coordination with the National Association of Mayors; civil society monitoring, advocacy, and policy dialogue efforts have resulted in new municipal investments to improve health and education services; and the activity has developed four mobile applications (EscuelApp, SaludInfo, Dame GT, and Sana GT) to provide civil society and government stakeholders with on- and off-line access to data about health and education services.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital; Strengthening Institutions

Supply Chain for Procurement and Supply Management ●

Implemented by: Chemonics International, Inc.

Duration: January 5, 2016 – September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$700,000

The objectives of this activity are to support the Ministry of Health (MOH) in its efforts to improve the supply chain and expand the availability of micronutrients, vaccines, contraceptives, and other essential medicines. The project focuses on the development of medical supply forecasts, logistics management information systems (which analyze logistics data for primary and secondary levels of care), and procedures to improve storage conditions in health facilities.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Strengthening Institutions

Maternal and Child Health Survival Program (MCSP) ● ●

Implemented by: JH Piego

Duration: June 1, 2016 – September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$3.5 million

The objective of this activity is to increase the coverage and use of evidence-based, sustainable, high-quality Ministry of Health (MOH)-supported reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, family planning, and nutrition (RMNCAH/N) interventions at the household, community, and health facility levels. The activity supports efforts to improve the use of quality RMNCAH/N services by aligning with the MOH's Inclusive Primary Health Care Model; and to

increase collaborative and multi-sectoral efforts with communities, the private sector, and other stakeholders to prevent stunting in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. The activity also introduces monitoring systems for quality Maternal and Child Health/Family Planning interventions, as well as maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity surveillance.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital; Strengthening Institutions

Sustainable Improvement of Water Quality of Metrópoli de los Altos

Implemented by: Mancomunidad Metrópoli de los Altos

Duration: May 5, 2016 - September 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$750,000

This activity provides direct support to local governments to improve the health conditions of eight municipalities in Quetzaltenango. USAID investments increase access to and the quality of potable water, using national public financial management systems.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: Human Capital; Strengthening Institutions

Crosscutting

Monitoring and Evaluation Program (MEP)

Implemented by: DevTech Systems Inc.

Duration: January 17, 2013 - April 30, 2018

Total Projected Investment: \$14.75 million

This activity conducts evaluations and assessments of the Mission's agriculture, nutrition, health, environment, and citizen security programs. The project assesses activity performance and helps USAID/Guatemala to make informed program management decisions to improve the effectiveness of development assistance programs and to shape longer-term strategic direction and decision-making.

Alliance for Prosperity Alignment: All